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The International Secretariat of OMCT requests your intervention regarding the following situation in **East Timor/Indonesia.**

**Brief description of the situation**

The International Secretariat of OMCT was informed by the East Timor Human Rights Centre (ETHCR),a member of the OMCT network, of the killing of 9 persons in East Timor

According to the information, on the 25th of September of 1999 Mother Superior Celeste de Carvalho, Fernando dos Santos, Jacinto Xavier (both Deacons) Valerio (a seminarian), three East Timorese (including two unnamed female lay workers from Caritas in Baucau and the unnamed driver of the vehicle), Mother Erminia Cazzaniga, an Italian, and an Indonesian journalist (known as Agus) were killed by members of the militia as the group was on the return journey to Baucau after delivering food to refugees in the hills near Lospalos.

According to the reports, it seems that members of the TNI (Tentara National Indonesia-Indonesian Army forces) were involved in the incident.

**Action requested**

Please write to the authorities of East Timor urging them to:

i. guarantee the security and the physical and psychological integrity of the population

ii guarantee an impartial and exhaustive inquiry into these facts, bring the perpetrators before a competent and impartial tribunal and apply the penal, civil and/or administrative sanctions provided by law.

iii. ensure adequate reparation to the families of the victims.

iv. ensure in all circumstances respect for human right and fundamental freedoms in accordance with national laws and international human rights standards.

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